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C. B. HAMLETT TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR



REV. CHARLES B. HAMLETT

The Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, pastor of the First Church, Winona, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Baptist Radio Hour Sunday afternoon, December 26, at 2:30 CST over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WHOC, Philadelphia; WLOX Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; KWEM, West Memphis; WVBM, Brookhaven.

JOE ODLE TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR



REV. JOE T. ODLE

The Rev. Joe Odle, pastor of First Church Gulfport, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Baptist Radio Hour Sunday afternoon, January 2, at 2:30 CST over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WHOC, Philadelphia; WLOX Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; KWEM, West Memphis; WVBM, Brookhaven.

Executive Committee Plans Three-Way Division Of Funds For 1950 Cooperative Program

Sunday School Board Has Epocal Meeting

By Dr. John W. Landrum

Southern Baptist history was made at the December 15 meeting of the Sunday School Board in Nashville as this, our only self-supporting south-wide Board, review tremendous Kingdom gains for the past year and made the largest single Baptist appropriations ever recorded by one agency.

Reporting the largest enrollment gain in Sunday School (300,000 in 1948); a total of 260,045 Training awards; 371,828 Training Union Study (Continued on Page Five)

No Site Selected For Western Assembly— Registration Fee Recommended

FULL-TIME RADIO HOUR PLANNED FOR FALL OF 1949

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—A three-way division of the 1950 Cooperative Program aimed at accelerating the denomination's Advance Program in foreign missions will be recommended to the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting in Oklahoma City next May.

The Convention's Executive Committee, holding its semi-annual meeting here December 14-16, voted to recommend a \$10,000,000 Cooperative Program goal for 1950, and suggested division as follows:

1. The first \$4,000,000 of distributable receipts will be disbursed to the agencies on the same percentage basis as has been adopted for the 1949 funds. Foreign missions will receive 50 per cent, or \$2,000,000, of this initial portion.

2. The next \$2,500,000 will be divided among the agencies on the basis of the unmet portion of their capital needs goals as adopted following a 1945 survey.

3. All receipts above \$6,500,000 will be given to the Foreign Mission Board. It was stated that this third division allocation to foreign missions is a special effort in behalf of the Advance Program and it not necessarily a precedent for later years.

Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis, chairman of the finance sub-committee proposing these recommendations, cited that 1948 Cooperative Program receipts will be only about \$6,000,000 — meaning that gifts must be increased by 1950 if foreign missions is to be benefited by the arrangement.

Tithing Emphasis To Boost Receipts
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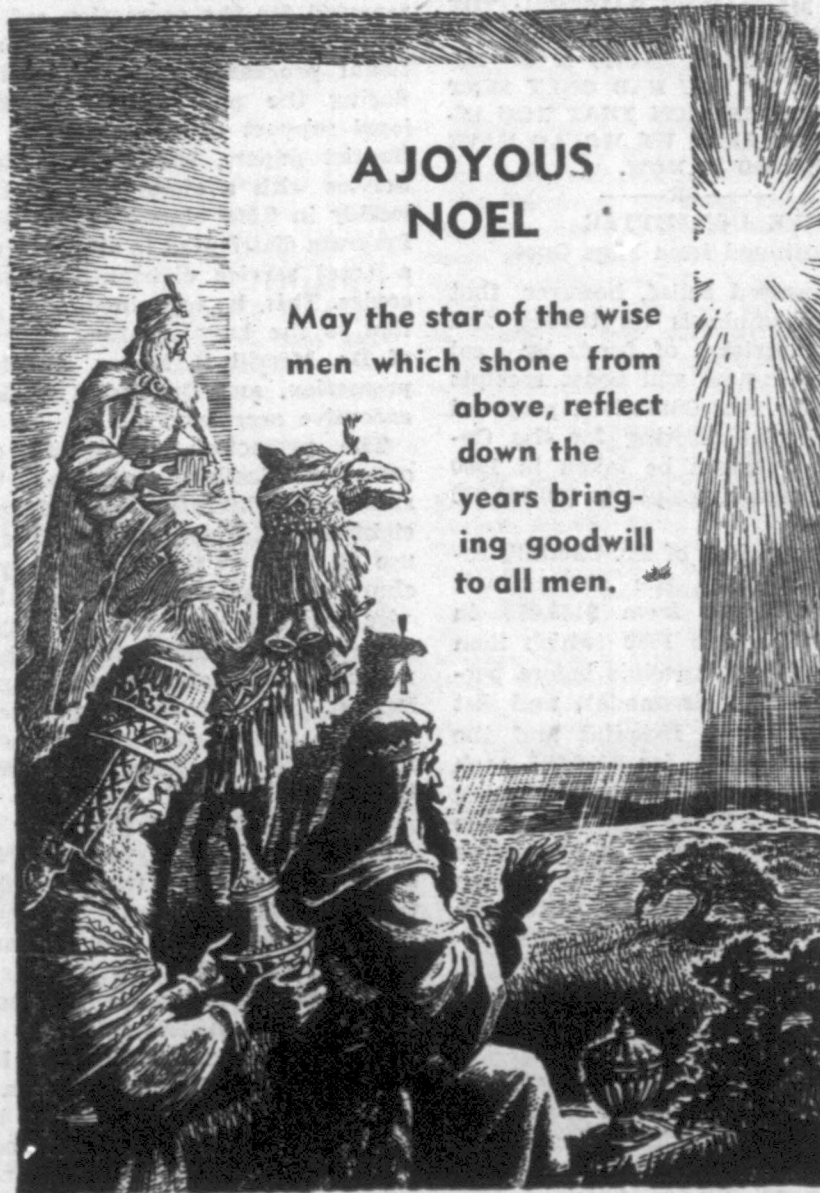
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SBC RECEIPTS AVERAGE NEARLY \$500,000 MONTH Monthly Av. Equals Year's Receipts 15 Years Ago

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—If Southern Baptists contribute as much as \$514,000 to the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention in December, the year's receipts will have averaged over a half-million dollars monthly.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, held 1948's possible \$500,000 monthly average up as a worthy objective—a monthly average, in fact, equal to the full year's receipts in 1933.

Cooperative Program (undesignated) receipts through November have totalled \$5,486,261.08, Dr. McCall said. Total receipts of the Executive Committee of the eleven months, both designated and undesignated, were \$8,292,693.60, an increase of \$1,421,075.93 over the same period last year.



**Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists
The Every Family Plan Makes Informed Baptists**

Christmas And The Light Of The World

BY W. R. CULLOM, D. D.
Wake Forest, N. C.

It has now been more than fifty years since I heard the much-loved and now long lamented Dr. H. H. Harris preach in the Walnut Street Church in Louisville, Ky. His topic was, **Key Words in John's Gospel**. Those who remembered Dr. Harris will agree at once that he was far removed from the mere routine preacher. He was a master in the pulpit as well as in the classroom. But he followed the routine method that morning in that he had the traditional three points in his sermon. He found three key words in John — "Light," "Life," and "Love." Each of these words was used as a division in his sermon. The sermon itself was far from routine or mere tradition. Are not these words today an accurate characterization of John's gospel? The years since that day have been marked by rapid, radical and overwhelmingly startling changes. A dependable author said some time ago that the world had undergone more changes in his lifetime than it had from the death of Socrates up to the time of his birth! Is it not fine to have a few guiding stars to which one can pin his faith and to which he can attach his life in the assurance that they will not fail?

Many years ago I read in the **Twentieth Century New Testament** its translation of John 1:5: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness overcame it not." I was startled for the moment, but soon found that the translation was thoroughly correct. Experience, observation and reading have assured me that the translation in question is in harmony with eternal reality. For example, when Jerusalem fell under the attack of Titus, the Roman general, it seemed to the people that the end of all things was at hand. In the midst of the persecution, John was banished to the Isle of Patmos (Rev. 1:9). The Book of Revelation is the answer of the Living Christ through his servant John to what seemed to God's people a darkness so dense as to preclude hope.

When the distinguished and beloved Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, Sr. lay in Duke Hospital in June 1937, entering what is often spoken of as "the dark valley," I went in to see him. That hitherto handsome form of his had dwindled to skin and bone. When he saw me he burst into a laugh. The facial part of that laugh was that of a skelton; the soul part of it was the triumph of faith in Him whom the good man had known, loved, trusted and followed through many years. It was the triumph of the Light of the world over the shadow of death. As he laughed he spoke and here is what he said, "Cullom, I'm in the process of shedding my chrysalis!"

We will confidently assert that the struggle between the light and the darkness has been a long and fierce one, but not only has the darkness not "overcome," but the resurrection of Christ is an eternal assurance that this triumph cannot fail.

It must never be forgotten, however, that the triumph of which I speak is not to come automatically. When our Lord entered our human flesh he "humbled himself" and became obedient unto death, "even the death of the Cross." His followers are urged to have the same mind in them. (Phil. 2:5-11). As we entered that season, therefore, which commemorates this entrance into our human flesh, shall we not harken to him when he declares that those who follow him must take up their cross "daily" in doing so (Luke 9:23)? Shall we face it a san unprecedented opportunity to have the Light of the world shine in us and through us?

Shall we not all join with the sainted Horatius Bonar in singing —
"I heard the voice of Jesus say
I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,

60th Anniversary Observed



Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDaniel celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on December 12. Their wedding in Madison County near Goodman.

Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel have been Baptists since 1883 and have been members of the Linn Church for 28 years. Mr. McDaniel has served as a deacon for 35 years and is now a senior deacon at Linn.

They now live with a daughter, Mrs. E. C. Cotten, in Doddsville.

Their eleven children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as a great host of Christian friends, wish for them many more years of happiness.

And all thy day be bright.
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of Life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done."

W. R. CULLOM

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TO 47 MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS: THE CIRCULATION OF THE BAPTIST RECORD THIS WEEK LACKS 47 OF BEING 63,000. IF YOU HAD ONLY SENT THAT SUBSCRIPTION THAT YOU INTENDED TO SEND WE WOULD HAVE HAD 63,000. DO IT NOW.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Continued from Page One)

He expressed belief, however, that continued emphasis on tithing and the 50-50 division of funds by local and state groups will boost receipts considerably. The Committee proposed that a special offering for the Co-operative Program be taken in 1950 to boost overall receipts to \$10,000,000 goal.

Other provisions of Dr. Caudill's report would raise the Convention's operating budget from \$188,000 in 1949 to \$237,500 in 1950 (which item is deducted from receipts before percentage division is made), and list Southern Baptist Hospital and the Radio Commission for \$150,000 each in the column of institutions sharing in the capital needs division of the budget. The request of a committee from Southwestern Seminary for an appropriation to that institution's work for training of women, comparable to support given the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, was deferred.

Western Assembly

A special Convention committee named to select a site for a summer assembly west of the Mississippi River, comparable to Ridgecrest, N. C., in the east, was so divided between two proposals that the Executive Committee re-referred the matter to it for further study.

Rev. Patrick W. Murphy of Tulsa,

Okl., brought a majority report for the committee, recommending acceptance of a location in the Ozarks near Harrison, Ark. Rev. Phillip G. McGahey of Albuquerque, N. M., brought a minority report, recommending a location at Glorieta, N. M.

Convention Registration Fee

In another precedent-shattering action, the Committee voted to ask the Convention to set a registration fee of \$2 for each messenger attending sessions beginning in 1950. This fee has become necessary, Rev. J. A. Ellis of Sherman, Texas, reported, in the light of tremendous costs faced by churches of the host cities in entertaining the Convention. Oklahoma City spokesman said that at least \$10,000 will be expended in auditorium rent and other connected expenses next May. A plate collection to help meet this expense will be asked at the Oklahoma City meeting.

It will be recommended also that the main floor of the Convention auditorium be reserved for messengers and that visitors be seated in balconies, this move intended to guarantee seating space for registered messengers and to facilitate the taking of ballots. It was deemed wise to ask also that henceforth meeting places be selected two years in advance.

Promotion Activities

A strong program of promotional activities planned for 1949 will give emphasis to spiritual revival, the Co-operative Program, slogans "Every Baptist a Tither" and "Fifty-Fifty by 1950," stewardship study, identification of Baptist church buildings, and gifts through the Southern Baptist Foundation and the state foundations.

Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., reported for the promotion sub-committee that the Committee's promotional program had been publicized during the past year through the loyal support of editors of all state Baptist papers, the Baptist Bulletin Service with a circulation of 450,000 weekly in 2,000 churches, the Baptist Program distributed to all pastors, and a tract service distributing 4,000,000 copies. This, he explained, is in addition to the busy speaking itineraries of Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion, and Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary.

The promotion committee authorized publication of special graded stewardship literature in 1949 and an eight-page lithographed brochure for use in budget campaigns by the churches, establishment of a mat service whereby stewardship illustrations will be available to churches at nominal fees, and enlargement of Baptist Press to include a regular service to approximately 3,000 weekly newspapers throughout the Convention area.

Constitutional Changes

Judge Frank A. Hooper, Jr. of Atlanta, chairman of the administrative subcommittee, brought proposed recommendations to the Convention for changes in the Convention's new constitution and by-laws, amending items where conflicts exist.

Endorsement was given the Radio Commission in its plans for a full time Baptist hour, slated to begin about October 1, 1949. The program would feature one speaker throughout the year and would be heard every Sunday on stations throughout SBC territory. It would be financed by listener support, with the understanding, however, that no appeal for

funds be made over the air and provided also that a substantial reserve fund be in hand to underwrite all commitments with stations.

For reasons of terminological advantages, it was voted to recognize the Chaplains Commission of the Home Mission Board as the "Chaplain Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention." The work will remain under direction of the mission board.

Theological Education Survey

Dr. John H. Buchanan of Birmingham, chairman of a Convention committee to survey theological education needs in the Convention territory, announced that his committee will make a full report to the Convention in Oklahoma City and that copies will be available in advance to editors of state Baptist papers.

He said that figures in hand revealed 5,500 licensed or ordained Baptist ministers are enrolled in colleges and universities of the SBC territory, and 1,599 ministers are studying in the denomination's three theological seminaries. "We stand uniquely in America," he said, "as a denomination not embarrassed by a lack of young ministers."

"In our long range planning," he continued, "we must remember that this great wealth of young ministers to be trained demands establishment of one or two new seminaries or the enlargement of our present institutions."

Opdyke Scholarships

A trust fund established with the Executive Committee in 1928 by Mrs. Ida Reed Opdyke for education of mountain boys and girls will make it possible for 100 to attend colleges next year, Rev. Chester Quarles of Sylacauga, Ala., chairman of the Opdyke committee, reported. These 100 scholarships were approved by the committee at the meeting.

Other Items

One of the largest attendance of visitors ever recorded at a meeting of the Executive Committee was present throughout the sessions. Practically every state in the SBC area was represented by its state secretary or editor, or both, in addition to the 31 regular members of the Committee and all SBC agency heads. Open discussions on all questions permitted a splendid display of fellowship — enough so to lead Dr. J. M. Dawson of Washington, D. C., to remark "This superb demonstration of cooperation — the seeking and the giving of advice on all problems — indicates a real Co-operative Program."

In addition to its regular business, the group heard reports from Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, new general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; C. C. Brandon of National Baptist hospital, Negro institution at Hot Springs, Ark., and Thomas T. Holloway of the American Bible Society.

Magee Installs Pipe Organ

The Magee Church recently rebuilt its choir space, baptistry, and pulpit, installing a custom-built Pipe Organ. The organ is one of the latest designs with 450 pipes. The remodeling and the organ have been paid for already.

Mrs. Ed. Winborne is organist; Mrs. Tom McAlpin, choir director; Mr. G. G. McAlpin, song leader; Rev. J. B. Smith, pastor.

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says:

"Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8



PEACE ON EARTH

Christmas Greetings!

All good Christmas wishes to all of you from:

Office Secretaries — Ernestine Cooper, Mildred Sepp, Ennabel Alexander.

Bookkeepers — Lois Tyler, Sallie Campbell, Bess Schilling, Mrs. B. L. Dildy, J. E. Lane;

Mailing Department — Mrs. L. R. Williams, Margaret Cloud, Mrs. Tom Temple, Bernice McInnis;

and your entire staff at the Baptist Building.

D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTE

Mississippi Baptists:

Greetings!

Convention Board books will close for the year as usual December 31st. Printed figures for the year in the Baptist Record will include monies coming to us through that day. Thanks. Regards.

Executive Secretary

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Friends everywhere should take notice of the fact that the Convention Board offices in the Baptist Building will be closed as usual for a week during the Christmas season, Thursday — Wednesday, the 23rd — 29th inclusive. The mail will not be taken from the box during those days. Therefore, any important and urgent mail intended for staff members should be sent to our home addresses. Persons needing to phone or write this Executive Secretary should remember that we live at Clinton.

II

Dr. W. Landon Miller writes of a very interesting Bible Conference at Brookhaven January 10-14. Among featured speakers will be Dr. J. D. Grey, Dr. Leo Green, and Dr. Russell Bradley Jones. They will be happy to make reservations for a limited number of Mississippi Baptist pastors who write early.

III

DEDICATION OF MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST RADIO HOUR,

September 5, 1948

by

Dr. D. A. McCall

THEME: Tell Me the Story of Jesus.

ANNOUNCER: THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOUR sponsored by 350,000 Mississippi Baptists — "That Ye May Know Him" — is to the end that the lost may come to know Christ as Saviour and that those who are saved may know Him better.

Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is our speaker for today. His subject is "Peace On Earth, Good Will Among Men."

MUSIC: Fairest Lord Jesus.

SCRIPTURE — by Rev. James Allgood. Luke 2:8-14: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And sud-

denly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

PRAYER — by Dr. McCall.

Our Father, we thank Thee for Jesus, mighty to save, great Saviour, Lord Master, Friend and elder Brother. This afternoon, if we know our hearts, we would dedicate this service to the end that WE MIGHT KNOW HIM — the Rock of Ages — the bright and morning Star — the fairest among ten thousand and altogether lovely. Take we pray Thee, this service and every service, and use it to Thy glory and to the good of all who hear, in Jesus Name.

MUSIC: God So Loved the World.

SOLO: Jesus, Wonderful Lord.

QUARTET: Thy Will — Not Mine.

SERMON:

Good afternoon, friends of the radio audience, and the visible audience here in the Prayer Room of the Baptist Building. We are happy to welcome you in this initial dedicatory service, as we come to preach Jesus, as others will preach Jesus. He is the "Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star" the fairest among ten thousand, and altogether lovely: "Sweetest name on mortal tongue; Sweetest carol ever sung, Jesus, blessed Jesus."

Brother James Allgood, representing the Radio Committee, another one of our fine pastors, read a Scripture for us a moment ago. I desire to add three verses to that from the 23rd chapter of Luke: "And there were also two other malefactors, led with him to be put to death. And when they were come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the Malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

I am wondering, if the trouble is, that men and women, boys and girls around the world, do not know Jesus as He is. He inspires us; He challenges us; He calls us to higher things. That we may know Him, Whom, to know aright is life eternal. I believe with all of my heart, one thing for which hearts hunger today, as yesterday, is for PEACE. And in the initial announcement about the coming of the "Prince of Peace," we have the words so familiar to all of us, "Peace on earth, good will among men." How far short men fall today in the realization of that Annunciation in the long ago, but Jesus has not fallen short. In His first recorded sermon, He said, "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use

you, and persecute you." He puts into practice His preaching, even while dying, because while lifted high upon a cross, He prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Surely, unbelief is the life in the tree of sin. Covetousness is the first fruit upon the tree of sin; the second, the accompanying fruit, is hate. What turned the world topsy-turvy years ago in the first great world war? Not one of a thousand things that many people would say other than covetousness. The "have not" nations desired that which other nations had. They said, "We will have it: we will get it regardless of the cost."

With that went the companion sin, hatred. What turned the world topsy-turvy in more recent years? Again, that first fruit upon the tree of sin, covetousness. Nations said regarding other nations, "We want that they have. Regardless of the cost, we will get it!" They destroyed some of the finest of the youth of the earth. They sent wives, sweethearts, mothers, sisters and children, scurrying to the dens of the earth; and with it went the second fruit upon the tree of sin, hate.

That we might know Him. Let us look at Jesus a little while, that we may know Him better in His heart of hearts. Let us learn of Him. There were those Pharisees and Sadducees who had hunted Him, and hounded Him all the way. They had stalked Him as stealthily as a hunter stalks his game. They had connived by day; they had caucused by night, and Jesus, while dying, prays for these who had hounded Him; "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

There were false witnesses, who had lied upon Him. Who had sold Truth for money, and Jesus certainly prays for these false witnesses, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." There were those who had taken thorns and woven them into a crown, and drive them heavily upon His head until those thorns bite and tear their way through the scalp of His Head and blood trickled down His face from His thorn pierced brow.

"See, from His head, His hands, His feet,

Sorrow and love flow mingled down: Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorn compose so rich a crown?"

"And He prays for those whose hands wove the crown of thorns. He prays for those whose hands drove that crown of thorns heavily upon His head.

How may we look upon one so lovely, so loving — how may we know Him without loving Him more, and without loving our fellow man more? Yes, and

without loving more the lost for whom He died? That ye may know Him. And if we did know Him and if the nations of the earth knew Him, then, in deepest reality, there would be "Peace on earth, and good will among men."

There were those soldiers, who at the centurion's command, had taken hammers of hardest steel, no harder than the hearts of those about the cross. They had placed nails in the palms of His hands and against His feet and in my imagination, many times, I have heard the sound of hard hammer upon rough nails. They did not have finely shaped nails in those days such as our factories produce today; they were crude nails; nails with rough edges and blunt ends; nails that literally ate and tore their way through the hands and through the feet — of Whom? The Christ, my Saviour, my Lord, and yours! The Son of God! The Prince of Peace! And what is His reaction, and how does He deport Himself? He prays for those who drove the nails through His hands and through His feet, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

There were members of that mob milling about the foot of that cross, hurling bitter jibes and epithets into His very teeth — and He prays for them. He takes them up in arms of infinite love and bears them to the warm heart of the great heavenly Father, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." There were those who had taken those hands — hands that had never hurt or harmed anybody — hands that had been placed in love and blessing upon the heads of little children — hands that had written words of forgiveness on the ground in the presence of the woman caught in sin — hands that had broken bread to the thousands — hands that had broken up funeral processions — hands that had waved Lazarus back to life. They tie those hands, as they would tie the hands of a common criminal. Who is He? The mighty Christ! The wonderful Saviour! The Prince of Peace! THAT YE MAY KNOW HIM. O, how we would love Him, if we knew Him as He is presented in the Book of Books, the Word of God! O, sometimes we feel that we endure hardships. Have they spat in your face and mine? They did in His face — and He prayed for them. Have they beaten our backs with many stripes? They beat His back with many stripes — and He prayed for them. Have we been crowned with thorns? He was crowned with thorns — and He prayed for them. Has the sentence of death been placed upon us?

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NOMINATIONS and SALARIES

We print herewith the report of the Committee on Nominations and Salaries. Brethren on this committee were: Fred B. Moseley, chairman, F. K. Horton, J. H. Cothen, Marion Perry, and H. D. Jordan. This completes the printing of schedules from the recent Convention Board meeting. You should realize that these salaries as listed are included in budget totals printed last week and are not in addition thereto.

Through State Missions we are this year helping erect over 90 houses of worship, almost twice the number that have ever been helped in a single Board meeting. State Missions is supplementing pastor salaries on over 45 fields, another high mark. State Missions help was given 26 associations in supplementing the salary of the Associational Missionary. This is also another high figure.

It should be remembered that all allocations for every cause unless otherwise stated became effective as of November 1 last.

Report of the committee on Nominations and Salaries was read by Fred B. Moseley and adopted as follows:

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Sunday School Department:		
E. C. Williams	Salary	4,500.00
Paul Boothe	Salary	3,300.00
Carolyn Madison, Elementary Worker	Salary	2,400.00
Training Union Department:		
Anber J. Wilds	Salary	4,500.00
W. C. Morgan, Assistant	Salary	3,600.00
Louise Hill, Field Worker	Salary	2,100.00
Brotherhood Department:		
W. R. Roberts	Salary	4,200.00
B. S. U. Department:		
Charlie Horner	Salary	4,000.00
W. M. U. Department:		
Miss Edwina Robinson	Salary	
Miss Nell Taylor, Y. P. Secretary	Salary	
Temperance Department:		
W. L. Holcomb	Salary	4,500.00
	House	500.00
Institutional Visitation:		
J. B. Parker	Salary	3,700.00
	House	300.00
Evangelism:		
Martin J. Gilbert	Salary	3,000.00
	House	600.00

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How To Put Christ In Christmas

The loveliest day of all the year is Christmas. It is the one time when everyone wants to be at home, and the loneliest people in the world are those who on Christmas Day have no longer a family circle to which they can return. There are many beautiful and time-honored customs which the family observes as it gathers together within the walls of its home on the birthday of the King. There is the gathering around the gaily decorated Christmas tree in the early hours of the morning and the laughter of children as they eagerly discover the gay new toys which have been provided for them. There is the exchange of gifts among those who are older and the quiet gladness of heart that results from such expressions of appreciation. There is the gathering of the family around the dinner table and the partaking of the Christmas dinner. There is the long afternoon and evening, spent in being together in happy family association. The familiar Christmas customs are an important part of the life of every family, and the fondest memories that many of us have are the memories of lovely Christmas days once spent at home with those we loved and from some of whom we have been separated perhaps for long, long years. Every Christian family in its observance of Christmas Day should be sure that there is one family experience which is not omitted on that day, and that is the experience of a period of family worship. If there is any time in all the year when family worship is appropriate, it is upon Christmas Day. The family Christmas worship service should be planned with proper thought and care. One of the loveliest times of the day for such a service is the early evening, as the dark begins to settle down and the lights are low and the Christmas Day draws to its close. Then the family may well come together

for a little season of quiet and spiritual fellowship with each other, and with the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a lovely thing for a family to gather around on Christmas evening and to light the Christmas candles for its family worship service. Of all the year, Christmas is the time when the family should sing together some of the lovely Christmas carols such as "Silent Night" or "O Little Town of Bethlehem" or "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." One of the children of the family should be asked to read again the old familiar story of the birth of the Christ child. The Christmas story carries us back across the years to ancient Bethlehem and reminds us that if we are to have a happy and peaceful world today, we must make central in the life of the world that which Bethlehem of the long ago symbolizes. One of the family may be asked to lead in a brief simple prayer of gratitude for Christ. God's gift to the world at Christmas, and for the family itself. It would be a lovely thing for the members of the family to hold hands as they sit quietly together and each member of the circle offer a prayer. In such a setting even small children will pray. To bring the service to a close the whole family might say together the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us every one."

As the days of the year go on, all of us find ourselves looking forward to Christmas and laying our plans therefore. As far as we can, we ought to plan to have a happy Christmas together as families, to exchange such gifts as we may reasonably afford, to know the joy of family fellowship. Above all, we ought not to let the Christmas day pass without being sure that our family in its own way honors the Christ whose birthday we celebrate at this glad time.

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Marked Copies Will Save Letters

Each year we print a notice that there will be no issue of The Baptist Record during the Christmas holidays. And each year we receive several letters asking that we send a copy of the Christmas issue as the writers failed to receive a copy. Heretofore we have taken the time to reply and explain why there was no Christmas issue and to call attention to the notice about it in a previous issue.

This year in order to save time we are having a few extra copies of this issue printed. Instead of letters all who write about missing the next issue will be mailed a copy of this issue with this article marked and the notice which appears elsewhere.

Keep On Keeping Christ in Christmas

The original idea of Christmas was to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who came "to seek and to save that which was lost." Christmas ought to be a day hallowed by sacred memories and sublime emotions for every Christian. But the sad truth is, Christmas has lost much of its original purpose. Many make of it a pagan holiday and countless thousands look upon it as a season for emphasizing the commercial possibilities of the season.

While many Christians are not responsible for the desecration of this sacred season far too many condone and even encourage it. For instance, too many otherwise terrors seem to think that drunkenness and debauchery become respectable at the Christmas season. Again, far too many exchange extravagant gifts at Christmas.

To us Christmas is a most appropriate time for Christians to magnify the name of Jesus. What better time is there for Christians to spread the good news that a Savior is born.

At this Christmas season let us resolve to keep on keeping Christ in Christmas. Let us remind ourselves and our friends that the inner meaning and message of Christmas is the greatest gift the world ever knew—Jesus Christ, who came that we might have life.

While giving gifts to others, let us not forget that the best gift any man can make to Christ is the gift of self. We do not suggest that we should forget our loved ones and friends at Christmas, but that Christians should not forget God from whom comes all good and perfect gifts.

Let us keep on keeping Christ in Christmas by daily Christlike living and Christlike giving.

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A Great State Mission Program

The Convention Board, at its recent annual session in Jackson, set forth a challenging State Mission Program for Mississippi Baptists.

In order that all may thoroughly understand the meaning of the great program adopted, we explain below the budget and allocations, item by item, except a few that are self-explanatory. The complete budget and Board proceedings appeared in last week's issue.

The ten thousand dollars made available for church buildings at Newton, Hattiesburg, Clinton and Blue Mountain, although more than is usually allocated to a single church, was in recognition of the fact that students from all over Mississippi attend these schools

and providing church space for them is a state-wide responsibility and not a local one.

Associational Missionaries \$21,000. This money is used to supplement the salaries of Associational Missionaries in associations that have a missionary. Grants were made to 26 counties. But only 23 missionaries are involved, as in three cases two counties will work together.

Church Buildings Evangelism, \$25,000. This money is used to aid churches in erecting houses of worship.

Negro Work \$13,500. Most of this is used for the negro seminaries located at Jackson, Hattiesburg, Prentiss, Greenville, Lexington, Indianola, Sardis and Magnolia. These seminaries are helping negro preachers better prepare themselves for pastoral service.

Indian Work \$4,000. This money is used to help the Indians in all phases of their work.

B.S.U. Campus Work \$13,000. This is to support B.S.U. secretaries at the various schools through the state.

B.S.U. Department \$6,000. This money is for the work of the State B. S. U. Department under the direction of State B.S.U. Secretary Charles W. Horner.

Sunday School Department \$15,000. This money is used for the Sunday School work under the leadership of State Sunday School Secretary, E. C. Williams.

Training Union Department \$15,500. This money supports the Training Union department which is lead by State Training Union Secretary, Auber J. Wilds.

Evangelistic Conference \$1,500. This money is used for the annual Evangelistic Conference.

Historical Society \$200. This small sum is used under the direction of Dr. J. L. Boyd who is trying to collect and preserve Mississippi Baptist History.

Board Retirement Plan \$36,500. This includes Retirement Plan Office Expense, Minister's Retirement Plan, Widows Supplemental Plan and promotion. All these items are for the Board Employees, Ministers and Minister's Widows' Retirement Plan. It provides protection for preachers who reach the age of 65 or who become disabled at any time after one year's membership in the plan.

State Mission Promotion and Tract Promotion \$5,000. This money is used for informing Mississippi Baptist about their work and to print tracts and booklets and other things to promote our State Mission work.

Stewardship conference \$1,000. This money is used to promote a series of stewardship conferences throughout the state.

Institutional Work \$4,500. This

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-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y. — Miss Nell Taylor

MISSION STUDY

In Woman's Missionary Union

After you put forth effort to learn something worth-while, you find pleasure in the sense of mastery over your chosen subject and in sharing that knowledge with others. To be really fruitful, study must be planned but tastes and interests vary and all people do not enjoy the same methods and subjects. Recognition of this fact makes the mission study plan of Woman's Missionary Union appealing.

Even though the Christian's most absorbing interest should be God's plan for the world and the progress of that plan, few will try to understand it and follow its progress unless they are stimulated to do so. The W. M. U. mission study plan seeks to furnish that stimulus. Moreover it affords enough latitude for women of all types to make happy choice. Much information can be gained through reading with alert mind and eager spirit. The plan, therefore, presents patterns for study and patterns for reading.

The Mission Study Chairman and her committee will be responsible for making the whole plan clear and challenging to the members of W. M. U. organizations. Guidance in fulfilling this duty can be found in the W. M. U. Year Book and in the Manual of Woman's Missionary Union.

MISSIONARY READING FOR

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Reading is of primary importance in any study of missions, so Woman's Missionary Union has set missionary reading as a component part of its Standard of Excellence requirement on mission study: two-thirds of the membership (of the W. M. S.) reading one missionary book during the year.

Some Woman's Missionary Societies will go beyond this required two-thirds and will get every members to read a missionary book during the year.

MISSIONARY ROUND TABLE FOR ADVANCED READING

A Round Table group may be members of Woman's Missionary Society or of Young Woman's Auxiliary or church women who for some reason have not joined the missionary organizations. They agree to share the purchase, reading and discussion of books on world conditions, missionary problems, opportunities and leadership. The books are selected from the recommended list sent free upon request by the state W. M. U. office.

R. A. CHARTERS

ALL CHARTERS OF R. A. CHAP-
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Department of Temperance Activities

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STONE COUNTY DRYS WIN BEER ELECTION

On Saturday and Sunday, December 11th & 12th, we worked with the Christian forces in Stone County in an effort to oust beer from their county. Saturday we spoke on the streets and along the highways over a public address system urging the Christian people to vote on Tuesday and gave them instructions as to how to cast their vote. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, we spoke at a rally in the First Baptist Church, Wiggins, Sunday afternoon a rally was held in McHenry, and on Sunday night we spoke to a large audience at Big Leavelle School. Although some of the ministers did not give their cooperation and many of

the Christian people had swallowed the poisonous propaganda of the beer crowd, and therefore lacked interest in the election, we won a glorious victory. The vote was almost 2 to 1 in our favor.

OTHER ELECTIONS POSTPONED

The election in Forrest County and also in Pike County will not be called until after February 1st. The petitions have been signed by a sufficient number of voters, but upon the advice of attorneys, it was decided to wait until after February 1st to file them. This will avoid the technicalities that have invalidated other elections. There are other campaigns also in the making waiting for the same purpose. Let us be much in prayer for these drives.

A GREAT STATE MISSION

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money supports the institutional visitation work done by Rev. J. B. Parker. He regularly visits the Jackson hospitals, the Veterans Administration Hospital and occasional visits to other places.

W. M. U. Department \$17,500 from the Cooperative Program. This is for the regular W.M.U. work such as office work and workers, W.M.U. Executive secretary and promotion.

W.M.U. Field Work \$9,500. This money is to be used for the field work of the W.M.U..

Pastoral Evangelism \$9,000. This money is used to supplement

pastor's salaries where because of local conditions the church cannot pay a reasonable salary. Allocations were made to 46 churches.

Service Men's Aid \$1,200. This money is used by the First Church, Biloxi, for its Service Men's Program. Keesler Field is a permanent Army School and the Service Men's Program of First Church, Biloxi, reaches many of them.

Brotherhood Department \$10,000. The Brotherhood is one of our youngest and fastest growing departments. W. R. Roberts is secretary and the above amount supports his departments.

Preachers Bible School \$1,000. The school is planned primarily

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

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Course awards; hundreds of life-service commitments at Ridgecrest; a total of 2,470,534 books published during the year; a total circulation of nearly 40,000,000 periodicals; and many other significant facts; the Board adopted a far-reaching spiritual program for 1949 which will be promoted through the various departments.

Total financial allocations for 1949 are more than \$2,250,000, including \$1,000,000 for the long-awaited 9-story addition to the three floors of the new administration building constructed in 1940. Of course, this work cannot be completed in 1949, but a great deal of the buildings will be done during the year. The regular operating budget totaled \$904,510 for the Division of Education and Promotion (Sunday School, Training Union, Student work, Church Architecture, Church Music, Church Library Service, Visual Education Service, and the Survey, Statistics, and Information Departments); Division of Editorial Service; and the Division of Business Management; as well as the office of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Allocations to the 21 cooperating State Conventions totaled \$278,650 for aid in carrying on Sunday School, Training Union, Baptist Student Union, and Department of Church Music work. The amounts to the various states were subject to revision in accordance with the proportion of the work carried on. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will receive \$15,600, an increase of \$1,500 over last year.

Special allocations for Associational work, free literature, Ridgecrest, Vacation Bible School leadership promotion, and Statewide clinics totaled \$139,000.

So much of importance was reported that it is impossible to cover all the phases of the work, but it is more evident than ever that the tempo of Southern Baptist life can be accurately gauged through the Sunday School

for preachers who have not had the advantage of a college and seminary education. But all are welcome. The money is used to help on the preacher's expenses and to pay small honorariums to the faculty.

Temperances Promotion \$5,000. This money is used for what it says, temperance promotion. This is being done under the direction of the secretary, Dr. W. L. Holcomb.

Stewardship and Evangelism. This is the work done under the leadership of Rev. M. J. Gilbert.

Associational Missionary Institute \$300. This money is used to help pay the expenses of the Annual Associational Missionary Institute which is held at Clarke College. The Associational Missionaries meet once a year to discuss their problems and make plans to do better work.

Chinese Missions \$900. This is the Chinese work at Greenville under the leadership of Rev. D. I. Young, Sr., and the First church of Greenville.



REV. J. O. PAYNE

Shown above is Rev. J. O. Payne, one of the mid-term graduates at Clarke Memorial College. He is pastor of Beulah Church, Newton County and Hopewell Church, Scott County. Before coming to Clarke College he was pastor of Bethany in Sunflower County and had been a successful pastor in Louisiana prior to that. He has attended New Orleans Seminary two years. He hopes to attend Mississippi College soon.

Board as it works hand in hand with all phases of our work.

In the annual report of Dr. T. L. Holcomb, the fundamental purpose of the existence of the Sunday School Board can be seen as he said, "For fifty-seven years the Sunday School Board has rendered faithful service and sacrificial endeavor to Southern Baptists in an honest effort to help advance the cause of Christ."

Editor's Note: Dr. Landrum is the Mississippi member of the Sunday School Board and is pastor of the First church, Canton.

Several personnel changes were approved by the Board. Dr. John L. Hill, book editor, who was scheduled to retire on January 1, was asked to continue to serve as book editor until June 1, 1949, his twenty-seventh anniversary with the Sunday School Board, and to continue until the end of the year as a general field representative of the Board.

Herman L. King was elected as superintendent of Adult Sunday School work to succeed Dr. William P. Phillips, who was named general associate in the Sunday School Department. Dr. Phillips will lead in a new campaign to enlist church members not now enrolled in Bible study through the Sunday School, and in planning increased aid for rural churches. Jesse Daniel, a member of the staff in the Sunday School Department, was also named as a general associate.

In the field of church recreation, it was reported that two books, Playtime by Mrs. Lake Pylant, and a series of department and class socials for Young People and Adults by Mrs. Clyde Maguire, would soon be published.

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INDIAN BLANKETS (35c paper) by Alpha Marie Gambrell is the book for juniors in the graded series of home mission studies published by the Home Mission Board. The author takes her readers on a visit to the Indian field of Pawnee, Oklahoma and discusses Indian missions in general. Send orders to the Baptist Book Store or to the Home Mission

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As we come to another Christmas season we wish to extend to each and all a heartfelt wish that this Christmas season may be indeed a happy one.

We are coming to the close of a great year in our work. It has been a joy to labor with our fellow servants in Christ throughout Mississippi. Our pastors, superintendents, department leaders, other officers and teachers, are a great group and we are grateful for the joy of serving with them in the important task of trying to build bigger and better Sunday schools for the teaching of God's word.

May the Christ of Christmas, whose birthday we celebrate at this season, be honored and magnified in our Christmas celebration. May what we do say and are be such as will reflect credit on Him whose birthday it is.

So again, we say to one and all, "Happy Christmas!"

THREE MILLION ADULTS CANNOT ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL

These adults who cannot attend Sunday school are doctors, nurses, bus and taxi drivers, waitresses, elevator operators, firemen, police, mothers with small children, the elderly and ill. Their spiritual needs are the same as other adults. They, too, need spiritual food. Your Sunday school can provide this spiritual food through a properly functioning Extension Department.

An Extension Department will do seven things for your church. It will (1) provide Bible study opportunities for those who cannot attend Sunday school, (2) discover prospects for other departments of the Sunday school, (3) intensify the Sunday school visitation program, (4) utilize additional church members in service, (5) help to establish and strengthen Christian homes, (6) aid in establishing family worship through the distribution and use of HOME LIFE, a Christian Family Magazine, and (7) strengthen the financial program of a church and develop more members in Scriptural giving.

BIBLE STUDY WEEK IN JANUARY

In January, 1948, thousands of churches engaged in Bible study under the guidance of their pastors. Testimonies proclaim the value of the study and propose a continuance of the plan.

Bible Study Week is an opportunity for the church to extend its ministry of Bible study with all members and friends studying under the leadership of the pastor. Credit may be awarded to those who meet the requirement of the training course.

The book recommended for study in January, 1949, is THE GOSPEL OF JOHN. Individuals wishing an outline, or guide, will use STUDIES IN JOHN, a new book by John L. Hill.

To make the most of Bible Study Week opportunities, early and careful preparation is necessary.

Your date, January 3-7, has already been set and a teacher, the pastor or some other person, has been chosen. Two things remain to be done:

1. Order copies of STUDIES IN JOHN from your Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.
2. Enlist the people for the study.

Make it the item of the week for everybody. Enroll them by classes in Sunday school. Give publicity to the week. Pray for its success and work to make it succeed.

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DR. R. B. JONES TO SPEAK AT BROOKHAVEN MEETING



DR. R. B. JONES

Dr. Russell Bradley Jones, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and an author of note will be one of the speakers at the Brookhaven Bible Conference, First Baptist Church, January 10-14. Dr. Jones will speak twice daily.

Dr. Jones was pastor of the University Baptist Church, Baltimore, succeeding the famous Dr. A. C. Dixon. He went from there to the Philippine Islands to serve as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Manila. While there he also served as President of the Manila Baptist Theological Seminary.

Known as one of the outstanding preachers of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Jones supplied the pulpit of Spurgeon's Tabernacle in London, England, for two summers and on another occasion.

Dr. Jones' latest book, *The Things Which Shall Be Hereafter*, published by the Broadman Press, has been listed by Dr. Daniel Poling in the CHRISTIAN HERALD as one of the best books of 1948.

Dr. Jones was educated at Georgetown College (Kentucky), receiving the A. B. and D. D. degrees, and at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, with the Th. M. degree. He also did graduate work at Johns Hopkins University.

Mississippi should not seem foreign to Dr. Jones since his first grandchild was born in Louisville, Mississippi, this past Dec. 5th, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Donald Jones.

Other speakers at the Brookhaven Bible Conference will be Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans; Dr. Leo Green, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida; Dr. Wyatt Hunter, pastor of the First Baptist Church, McComb; and other speakers.

A limited number of sleeping accommodations will be provided for Mississippi pastors. These reservations may be had by writing Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor First Baptist Church, Brookhaven.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary --- Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

WHAT OF OUR STUDENTS?

Can you think of a more important single group of people in the world than our present day college students? Authoritative statistics prove that out of this group is coming and will come most of our leadership in every walk of life. Can you think of anything this world is more lacking in and needs more than a competent, a Christian leadership in politics, in government, in the professions, in business, on the farm, in the shop, everywhere?

Well, if our leadership is coming largely from our colleges, what are we going to do about it? What are you, as an individual, doing about it? What is your church doing about it? Do you or does your church care what happens to our college students? "Actions speak louder than words" is trite but is just as true now as the time it was first uttered.

The Baptist Student Union is committed to the task of helping to produce a Christian leadership for the future out of today's college students. In most of our Mississippi college centers its program has not only the casual sanction but the actual support of our Baptist pastors and churches. In a few college centers it does not. Some of our pastors evidently do not believe wholeheartedly and enthusiastically in the BSU. We hope none of these are prejudiced preachers. Surely preachers, above all others, should be entirely free of prejudice toward anybody or anything. Maybe some of these have just cause for not believing in the BSU. But whether they do or do not believe in the BSU as a means of reaching college students for Christ and His church, does not obviate their obligation to the college students in their church field, and so we would ask such, if you do not believe in the BSU, why are you

not helping the college students in your vicinity in some other way as you should? We have noticed that those pastors and those churches who do not support us in the BSU work nearly always do not help the college students in their communities anything like they should and could. Every pastor and every church in every college community has, we believe, the definite and inescapable responsibility of the spiritual welfare of the college students in their midst. God expects every college pastor and every college church to minister spiritually to its college students. And even though some pastors and some churches may not believe in the BSU way of ministering to college students, that does not release those pastors and those churches from their obligation to the students.

Friends, our college students are important. We believe they are the most important group of people in this world because out of their ranks is coming most of our leadership. Do we care? Do all of us care whether our future leadership is pagan or Christian? Do you, college preacher? Do you, college church? What are you doing for our college students now? Nothing, or virtually nothing? Are you doing what you could and should?

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ADATION WMU OBSERVES WEEK OF PRAYER

The Adation WMU, Oktibbeha County, and its various organizations grew into a truer and deeper meaning of Christmas as they observed the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. The week was well planned and good programs were presented.

The WMU gave \$19 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering; the G. A., \$6.42, and the Claudia Edwards Sunbeam Band, \$2.

Education Com. Allocates Funds

The first meeting of the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention was held at the Baptist Building in Jackson on December 17. Officers elected were: Dr. Frank Moody Purser, president; Dr. R. A. McLemore, vice-president, and Floyd M. Barnes, recording secretary.

Other members of the Commission are: Dr. W. A. Bell, Dr. W. D. Hudgins, Rev. Joe T. Odle, Dr. Wilfred M. Lee, A. A. Roebuck, and Prof. Zack Hugins.

In addition to routine matters the committee heard reports from the heads of the Mississippi Baptist Educational institutions and after carefully considering all factors made the following allocation of Christian Education funds for the Convention year:

Mississippi College	32%
Mississippi Woman's College	21
Blue Mountain College	27
Clarke Memorial College	20

Editor's note: The above percentages are based on the 22% which Christian Education receives from the Cooperative Program. Before the funds are distributed \$2,000 will be deducted to take care of the expenses of the Commission.

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Wherever you find greatness, there also you will find humility.

40 & 25 Years Ago

BY J. L. BOYD, SR.
40 YEARS AGO

Pastor L. G. Gates of the First church, Laurel, reports a revival meeting "marvelously great, and greatly marvelous" . . . Great in that many souls were converted, marvelous in that church privilege was not extended during the entire meeting." Rev. H. R. Holcomb of the West Laurel church did the preaching.

John H. Buchanan was ordained by the Lowrey Memorial church, Blue Mountain, to the full work of the gospel ministry. He is to finish his senior year at Mississippi College and then go to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

25 YEARS AGO

Pastor W. S. Landrum of the D'Lo Baptist church has led his people in the building of an up to date house of worship, costing \$13,000. The church keeps abreast by having the Baptist Record go into every home of the congregation each week.

The new house of worship of the Marks Baptist church is reported as having been completely destroyed by fire, even before the congregation had ever entered into it for worship.

As usual, wherever Rev. F. G. Wilburn goes as pastor, so does the Baptist Record. Recently a nice list was received from White Sand Church in Pearl River County, where he recently went as pastor.

Sparks & Splinters

Courtland Church, Rev. Charles Everitt, pastor, granted 43 awards at the end of the Training Union Study Course the first week in December. Todd McCullar of Pope taught the adults; Claude Lazenby taught the young people; the pastor taught the Intermediates; Rev. Joseph W. Oliver, county missionary, taught the Juniors.

Blue Mountain, Miss., Dec. 17—Mrs. Howard L. Furr, nee Lynne Whitehurst from Sheffield, Ala., represented Blue Mountain College at the inauguration of Dr. Frank C. Bolton as the president of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College at College Station, Texas, last month. Mrs. Bolton is also an alumna of Blue Mountain College. She is the former Lura Morgan from Pontotoc.

Mrs. David Livingston has accepted the Student Secretaryship at East Central Junior College at Decatur.

First Church, Pontotoc, has adopted a budget of \$15,341 for 1949. The 1948 budget was \$14,202 and this amount was reached on December 5. The three other Sundays will be over and above. The 1949 budget includes a nice raise in salary for the pastors, Rev. James C. Monroe, from \$3,900 to \$4,200. There were other increases as well.

A few copies of the 1948 Southern Baptist Handbook are still in stock. The Handbook contains the complete Survey Bulletin for 1947, and may be ordered from your Baptist bookstore for \$1.50.

The registration fee at Ridgecrest will be \$2.00 in 1949.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — "We have been advised from what we consider reliable sources that anyone receiving packages in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Romania or Hungary from America is looked upon with suspicion as having friendly relations with America and that in some cases we run the risk of getting them into serious trouble," Miss Jesse R. Ford, secretary to the Baptist World Alliance Executive Secretary, has informed the Southern Baptist Relief Center in New Orleans.

MISSIONARY STORIES (50c paper) told by Aunt Theresa Workman, Director of the KVB Club, Radio Station WMBI, Chicago and published by the Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago, is an interesting volume of missionary stories told in dramatic manner. The stories deal with the following countries: Africa, India, China, The Philippines, Korea, the United States, Canada, South America, Mexico and Arabia. Primary children and juniors will love this collection of ten thrilling missionary stories of adventure. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

Blue Mountain, Miss., Dec. 16 — Mrs. Elma Lois McKinstry of the Blue Mountain College English faculty has written a booklet entitled "You Are A Faithful Steward? Prove It!" for use throughout the year by the Woman's Missionary Societies and Young Woman's Auxiliaries of the Southern Baptist Convention. The booklet is published and distributed through the state W. M. U. headquarters. Mrs. McKinstry is a member of the editorial committee of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South. Board, 161 Spring St., N. W. Atlanta, Ga.

ANTHONY BECOMES EAGLE HEART (50c paper) by Frances Curb and Rebecca Tarry is the primary book in the graded series of Home Mission studies. With suitable pictures and large type, the story of Anthony is presented from the time he entered kindergarten to the time of his conversion and his activity as a helper in playground activities. The goodwill center at Tampa, Florida is the scene around which the pictures and interesting stories are centered. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N. W. Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. S. G. Pope has recently resigned his pastorate at Lena. After Jan. 15 he will be available for revival meetings and pulpit supply. His long and fruitful ministry in the pastorate and revival meetings has made him familiar with the problems and burdens of the pastor. He should be kept busy for the Lord and His churches. His address is 227 22nd St., McComb, Telephone 1088. — JAMES A. BRYANT.

It has been reported that Rev. H. H. Ward, associational missionary in Union County, has resigned in order to accept the pastorate of Ecu church.

CO-OPERATING SOUTHERN BAPTISTS (paper 50c-cloth \$1.50) by Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Secretary of the Home Mission Board is one of the graded series of home mission studies. This helpful book is planned for Adults and Young People. Out of his experience and long observation the author writes on principles, policies, and practices in Baptist co-operation. In this day of propaganda for a world church, Dr. Lawrence points the way to Christian co-operation without organic union. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N. W. Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. H. M. Collins has resigned as pastor of Algoma church in Pontotoc County to accept the pastorate of a new church which has recently been organized in Myrtle.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Yellow Leaf Church in Lafayette County. Such faithfulness upon the part of many Baptist churches is what enables the Baptist Record to have such a large subscription list.

Rev. George J. Burnett of Memphis Tennessee, in renewing his subscription for the Baptist Record, writes, "Next to the Bible the Baptist state paper helps to make sound and intelligent Baptists."

THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY (50c paper) by Una Roberts Lawrence is a revision and reprint of a very popular book showing the influence of the Bible in home mission work. While the material may be familiar to teachers, it will be new to Intermediates. This is the intermediate book in the graded series of home mission studies. Orders from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga., or from the Baptist Book Store.

Barton Church, George County, has recently called the Rev. Allen Steelman of Ocean Springs as pastor.

Rev. Richard Price has been called as pastor of Lulu Church, Madison County. Mr. Price is a student a Mississippi College.

FOR A CHRISTIAN NATION (50c paper) by Hellen Alexander Wright is the resource book on the graded series of home mission studies which has recently been published by the Home Mission Board. In this book the authors of the books in the series are introduced and helps and suggestions for teaching are submitted. The purpose of the book is to help teachers prepare and present materials in the books of the series. Orders should be sent to the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N. W. Atlanta, Ga., or to the Baptist Book Store.

MC MINISTERS' WIVES HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ministers' Wives Association of Mississippi College held their annual Christmas social Thursday evening, December 9th with 50 members present.

A group picture was taken to be put in the "Tribesman," the annual year book of the College.

The hostess served delicious refreshments, after which "Mrs. Santa Claus" presented gifts to all. Mrs. J. D. Aycock, the president, presented Mrs. Landrum with a beautiful piece of jewelry from the group.

Just as we go to press the following telegram was received: Dallas, Texas, Dr. Thomas J. Watts, passed away Monday midnight at his home in Waco. Funeral services there Thursday. Walter R. Alexander.

Editor's note: Our readers will remember Dr. Watts as executive secretary emeritus of the Relief and Annuity Board.

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Rev. P. F. Herring, Hernando, recently did the preaching in a revival in Warrington Church, Warrington, Florida. There were several additions to the church. The pastor is the Rev. E. Y. Soileau, formerly pastor at Catchings.

An article entitled "Two Building Programs Developed Simultaneously" featuring Northside Church, Jackson and a picture of the new building appears in the January issue of the Sunday School Builder. The article was written by the pastor, Rev. W. Lowrey Compere.

A most interesting article entitled "It's Not Magic," written by Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler of the Blue Mountain College faculty, appears in the January, 1949 issue of THE BAPTIST STUDENT.

The January, 1949 issue of THE BAPTIST STUDENT features "Focus Week at Mississippi College" with several pictures taken on the campus.

Among recent visitors in the office of the Baptist Record were: Paul Dukes, Jackson; Joan Henderson, Woman's College; Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Nobles, Jr., West Enterprise; Clyde C. Wilson, Dallas; Rev. W. W. Simpson; Philadelphia; Jake Herbert, Newton; Dr. James W. Parrish, Laurel; Wilford M. Lee, Leland; Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, Winona; Rev. Joe D. Boutwell, Mississippi College; John C. Ross, Chattanooga, Tenn. Charles Everitt, Courtland; W. H. Haynes, Clinton; Georgia Cloud, Smithdale, and Johnnie Lou Cloud, Smithdale.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

December 19, 1948

Brookhaven, First	934	245
Star	100	84
Center	140	80
Houlka	104	47
Hernando	147	
West Laurel	480	153
Columbus, First	846	242
DeLay	44	44
Providence (Forrest County)	192	117
Kreole, Friendship	49	51
Magnolia, First	342	136
East McComb	509	218
Gulfport, First	585	160
Hattiesburg, Main Street	801	231
Durant, First	152	78
Wellmon (Lincoln County)	55	75
New Zion (Copiah County)	103	81
South Laurel	98	93
Laurel, First	601	
Holly Springs	41	
Friendship (Pike County)	174	87
Centerville	194	
Laurel, Second Avenue	410	
New Albany, First	596	155
Including Mission	637	201
Crystal Springs	711	149
Jackson, Elaine	138	128
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	399	198
Jackson, Davis Memorial	316	107
Jackson, Parkway	743	272
Parkway Chapel	100	49
Jackson, Northside	459	170
Jackson, First	1207	415
Jackson, Calvary	1271	306
Calvary Mission	36	21
Jackson, Van Winkle	420	291

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Union (Pearl River County)	129	144
Gautier	60	85
East Moss Point	170	65
Magnolia, First	241	109

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An Open Letter To Mississippi Baptist Pastors!

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Yours truly,

D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary,
Miss. Baptist Convention Board.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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"For unto you is born
this day in the city of
David a Savior, which
is Christ the Lord."

This is the message the shepherds heard on the day of the birth of our Lord. How they must have thrilled at it, and even today we that know Him as our personal Savior thrill at the thought that he liveth and is ever watchful of his own and through the Holy Spirit stands ready to direct our lives that we may not err. We, the Training Union staff, Mrs. J. C. Greenoe, Misses Gladys Bryant, Louise Hill, and Alene Johnson, W. C. Morgan and Auber J. Wilds, greet you at this Christmas season and extend our best wishes for a joyous yuletide. May He be very near and real to you as you re-think the blessings that have been yours. May your opportunities for increased usefulness be multiplied throughout the coming year, and may you have the "peace that passeth understanding" in your heart to give you strength and grace to meet every problem with courage, and to be victor in every trial and temptation. "Ask and ye shall receive. Seek and ye shall find. Knock and it shall be opened to you."

Jackson Is Ready For You

Jackson, the Capitol City, is ready for you as you come to the State Training Union Convention next week, Tuesday December 28th, First Baptist Church. Start early enough to arrive at the church by 9:30 and spend the first thirty minutes visiting with friends you have met at other conventions and have perhaps not seen within the year. The convention proper begins at 10:00 and will run high tide through out the day. As we think through the program we can but wish that every Mississippi Baptist, with hundreds of other friends, could be with us on that day to receive the blessing that must come to all who come seeking it. The change in giving the entire afternoon to the separate department meetings is going to add interest and helpfulness. The program for the evening will be a fitting climax to a great day. We will launch our 1949 program, and start sailing for the 1950 port having re-dedicated our lives to the cause of Christ and facing ours with renewed faith and hope.

Just two CONTESTS

There will be only two CONTESTS at the State Training Union Convention. The Intermediate Sword Drill will be a contest as we must select one Intermediate to represent Mississippi at the Southwide Assembly drill to be held in Ridgecrest N. C. Then the Young People's Speaking will be a contest as we must select one to represent us in the Ridgecrest Better Speakers tournament. In all of the other departments the contest idea concludes with the District Convention. We do ask the winners in the District Conventions to take part on the State Convention Program but there it is not a contest but a demonstration of the work. We have to have people on the program and this is what we think a good plan to get efficient talent for the various parts of the program.

"Our church has chartered a bus, 40 capacity, to bring our folk to Jackson December 28th. We engaged a pri-

vately owned school bus." Quotation from letter from Brother Joe Abrams, Shuqualak. Other such letters indicate we are to have a large attendance. We believe you will agree we have a good program in store for all who come.

The cards reporting "M" Night are coming in and we are delighted with the fine attendance and the good programs having been held. In our next issue we will be able to list a few of the meetings. This has become a "must" in our associations for at this meeting we usher in the new years program. It more or less assures a program outlined for the coming year and this brings efficiency into the work. A few of the associations will defer their "M" program 'til after Christmas. That is all right, the idea is to have it in time to start the wheels of 1949 to rolling. Let us know the results of your meeting.

Before we write to you again in this column it will be 1949. Perhaps you will not detect when the years "shift gear," but all the same we come to the new year with the past to challenge us for a greater service in the future. As an individual we should grow, and an organization in the church we should improve our quality of work, as a church we should lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes as we enlarge our programs for the Master. All of this will make it possible for our denomination to launch out into the deep, reaching unreached areas in the name of Him who died for ALL. We wish for you enlarged opportunities for service, and we pledge to you our wholehearted cooperation. "Let us work (together) the works of him who sent us."

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January 16 Named Life Commitment Day

Life Commitment Day, Sunday, January 16, has been chosen as the occasion for Christian young people, particularly college youth, to dedicate their lives to full-time Christian service. This special day affords an opportunity for such life commitments upon the part of hundreds of eager young people to publicly register their decisions. It climaxes the annual week of Vocational Emphasis, January 9-16, sponsored by the Southwide Student Department of Nashville, in cooperation with the state student departments and the local churches in college centers.

It is the earnest desire of those who seek to lead in student work that this will be a memorable day of "Calling Out the Called" for the Kingdom service along with the dedication of all vocations as divine partnerships.

The pastor might wish to speak on such a theme as "Claiming Every Vocation—Christ!", "The Christ-Controlled Life," or "Christ has Chosen You." Following the evening service, those who have responded and others who have previously made commitments will meet for a brief period of testimony and encouragement.

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What you call your church isn't important. The important thing is to call at your church.

COLEMAN ACCEPTS SOUTH LOUISVILLE PASTORATE First, Louisville Holds Ordination Service



WAYNE COLEMAN

In an impressive service on Sunday night, December 5th, Wayne Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Coleman of Louisville, was ordained to the work of the Christian Ministry by the First Church, Louisville. Wayne has accepted the pastorate of the South Louisville Mission, and his acceptance of that work called for his ordination.

The Examining Council which met on Saturday afternoon, December 4th, found Wayne to be fully qualified for ordination, and recommended that the church proceed with the service on Sunday night. Rev. Norris G. Hickman read the Scriptures and led the Ordination Prayer. A Bible was presented to Wayne on behalf of the church by Rev. Wm. G. Watson. The Pastor, Rev. W. L. Day, preached an inspiring message on the work of the Christian Minister, and led in the Laying On of Hands.

Mr. Coleman is a senior at Mississippi College, Clinton, and is a past President of the Baptist Student Union of the state. He has had extensive experience in Youth Revival work, and has served as Assistant Pastor of the First Church, Belzoni, and as Interim Pastor of the First Church, Shelby. He will serve the South Louisville Mission half-time, preaching there on the first and third Sundays in each month. On the other Sundays, the preaching will be done by various ones interested in the progress of the work in South Louisville. Sunday School and Training Union will be held every Sunday. This will give the Mission a full-time program of preaching, teaching and training.

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Second Church Greenville To Broadcast Services

The Second Church, Greenville, under the leadership of their pastor, the Rev. M. E. Perry, began broadcasting their morning services on the December 19 over the Cotton Belt Broadcasting Company's new station, WG-VM. This station is 1260 on your dial.

The church feels fortunate to be able to claim this time as the station will be more powerful than anything in the Delta section between Memphis and Jackson.

The pastor, who conducts the choir, states that the adult choir of more than 25 voices, also the Junior choir of 30 voices, together with the young ladies ensemble, solos and other forms of music will give to the listening public a program to which they will stay.

Tchula Establishes \$1,000 Memorial At Clarke College

Tchula church, under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. S. B. Harrington, has recently contributed \$1,000 to Clarke Memorial College, Newton. This money will be used to memorialize a building which will house the printing equipment donated to the college earlier this year by Rev. A. L. Gatewood, pastor at Itta Bena.

Tchula Baptists though comparatively small in number, have done a generous part toward supplying a need at Clarke College. They have made an investment which has almost incalculable possibilities. There are many other possible investments at Clarke which churches with the same liberal spirit of the Tchula church can make.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- December 27 — State BSU Council Meeting, Baptist Building; Mrs. M. C. Waldrup, Bolivar Associational BTU Director.
- December 28 — Rev. S. B. Harrington, Holmes County Convention Board member; Rex Reed, Tupelo, trustee, Baptist Foundation.
- December 29 — Mrs. Iris Ritchey Carpenter, Starkville, trustee, Blue Mountain College; Prof. Norman O'Neal, Clinton, Board of Ministerial Education.
- December 30 — H. M. Jordan, Cleveland, District II BTU President; Tom Brand, Newton, trustee, Mississippi College.
- December 31 — G. M. McWilliams, Hattiesburg, trustee, Woman's College; New Year's Eve Prayer Services and Night Watch.
- January 1 — C. A. Roper, Hazlehurst, trustee, Baptist Hospital; Herman Dean, Canton, trustee, Baptist Orphanage.
- January 2 — Mrs. Joe Gayle, Leflore Associational Music Director; Dr. W. M. Caskey, Professor, Mississippi College.
- January 3 — Mrs. C. H. McQueen, Deer Creek Associational Training Union Director; Rev. Virgil Ratcliff, Lebanon Association, Convention Board member.
- January 4 — Dr. W. H. Anderson, Booneville, trustee, Blue Mountain College; Rev. R. L. Wallace, Raymond, Board of Ministerial Education.
- January 5 — Mrs. W. M. Whittington, Greenwood, trustee, Mississippi College; Joe H. McCully, Louisville, trustee, Baptist Orphanage.
- January 6 — Jimmie Pope, Richton, trustee, Woman's College; J. S. Love, Jackson, trustee, Baptist Hospital.
- January 7 — J. Murphy Thomas, Jr., Tupelo, trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital; W. M. Landrum, Professor, Mississippi College.
- January 8 — C. B. Bobo, Lyon, trustee Baptist Memorial Hospital; Prof. Louis Dollarhide, Professor, Mississippi College.
- January 9 — J. L. Jenkins, Sunflower Association BTU Director; Dr. N. W. Cox, Lauderdale County, Convention Board member.

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WHAT BROTHERHOODS ARE DOING (Continued)

Calvary, Jackson, has held a number of cottage prayer meetings each Thursday evening since the pastor resigned in August. They have established men's prayer groups, distributed tracts, conducted Laymen's Revival, visit the lost and bereaved and have compiled a list of unsaved people, praying for same.

Westside Baptist Church of Natchez has held their regular programs and have distributed tracts.

Payne's Brotherhood sponsored a Laymen's Revival in November.

Long Creek Brotherhood of Meridian donated twenty-five dollars for medical purposes to a widow lady and held prayer meetings with invalids.

Jayess Brotherhood installed fans in church, cleaned off church grounds and cemetery.

Midway Church of Meridian has installed a bulletin board for the church and highway signs placed on north and south of church and have been active in civic righteousness in the county.

Shaw Brotherhood has helped some families in need in a financial way.

Victory Brotherhood of Jeff Davis

County plans to assist in building a new church.

Raleigh Brotherhood is working toward developing leadership among their own men and have a drive on for some new Sunday School rooms.

Holly Springs Brotherhood is sponsoring Bible teaching in the county jail and the Man and Boy Movement.

Bethel Brotherhood Organized

Bethel Church in Pearl River County with Brother S. J. Rhodes as pastor, organized a Brotherhood November 9. The Brotherhood Secretary had the privilege of meeting with this fine group of men and was never more impressed with the spirit of any group than of this one. The following officers were elected: P. M. Hall, president; Belah Slade, activities vice-president; Ralph Dawsey, program vice-president; E. E. Clarke, membership vice-president; Barnes Wheat, secretary-treasurer; Allen Amacker, chorister.

Southside Church Does It Again

Southside Church, Jackson, with Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor, scored again by assisting in organizing a new Brotherhood in Ridgeland. They have done this several times before. Thanks, brethren.



BOB VAN GELDEREN

Bob Van Gelderen of Miami, Fla. will be one of the team at the East Side church during the holidays when the church will sponsor a revival. Visiting delegations from all the surrounding churches are invited to attend every night. A watch night service will be held December 31, ending when the New Year arrives.

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Scotchie McCall, Jr. To Lead Eastside Revival Dec. 26-31

East Side Church, Jackson, will sponsor a Christmas Revival December 26-31, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. L. S. Polk.

Leading in the revival will be Rev. Scotchie McCall, Jr., Clinton, who will do the preaching; Bob Van Gelderen of Miami, song leader and Frank Stovall, III, musician.

Following the preaching each night a forum will be held for your people seeking to develop their spiritual lives.

BR

Dr. Warren Angel of Oklahoma Baptist University has been selected by Dr. R. G. Lee to direct the music for the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City.



FRANK STOVALL III

Frank Stovall III of Clinton will be one of the team at the Youth Revival in East Side church December 26-31, in which good music, testimonies, preaching and special musical features will be enjoyed each night.

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS FORM ASSOC. TO "SAFEGUARD ACADEMIC FREEDOM"

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (RNS) — An association of Southern Baptist colleges and secondary schools to advance general education and "safeguard academic freedom" was formed here during a meeting of the denomination's education commission. Dr. Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., was elected president.

Dr. J. O. Edmunds, president of Stetson University, Deland, Fla., told the association that the danger of political control "is inherent in the expansion of federal aid to public schools."

"There needs to be a strong voice in the cause of academic freedom on the part of church-related colleges," he said, "and this association will help serve this purpose."

Southern Baptist Foreign Missions

M. THERON RANKIN,
Executive Secretary

FRANK E. MEANS,
Secretary Education and Promotion

Communist Regime in China Would Not Mean Automatic Evacuation of Missionaries

Southern Baptist mission work in South China would be affected by the fall of Nanking, Dr. M. Theron Rankin stated at the Foreign Mission Board meeting in Richmond December 9, but we are not warranted in drawing the conclusion that if a Communist regime is set up our missionaries would automatically come out. As yet Secretary Baker Cauthen and our missionaries in China have made no plans for a general evacuation, Dr. Rankin said. Although a number of missionaries are returning to the States for individual reasons, Dr. Cauthen feels that we are justified in waiting to see if missionaries can stay in China. Some missionaries of other denominations have remained in North China where Communists are in control and thus far are still carrying on the work of churches, schools, and the hospital in Tsinan.

We must be ready to accept eventualities if they come, Dr. Rankin warned, but added that there is no occasion for immediate alarm, because "we have resourceful people there with good judgement and lots of experience." Dr. Cauthen has regular conferences with other mission boards and business groups in China and is in touch with American consular authorities. He and other missionaries there are in a position to make as safe decisions as could be made, Dr. Rankin stated.

No building programs or projected plans are being launched in China by the Foreign Mission Board at this time. Buildings and projects already in progress are being completed where it is not feasible to break off operations.

"Whatever the future holds," Dr. Cauthen said in a recent report from China, "we are grateful for the work which has been accomplished in the past three years. Should the iron curtain drop down over large areas of China, our Baptist brethren in those sections would face an indefinite period of working under most difficult conditions. They are much better equipped to carry on the work as a

result of the accomplishment of these three years."

China Baptist Convention Organized

The China Baptist Convention was organized November 11 at a meeting held in Sallee Memorial Baptist Church, Shanghai. Dr. T. K. Van is executive secretary of the new organization.

Corresponding to our Southern Baptist Convention here in the States, this organization will unite the regional conventions, which have been in operation for some time, just as the Southern Baptist Convention unites the state conventions here.

"Whatever may come in the months immediately ahead of us," Dr. Rankin stated regarding the organization of the convention, "I am grateful that this foundation has been laid for the future of God's Kingdom work in China."

Hospital Possible in Paraguay

Dr. Franklin Fowler cabled that he has finally secured a license to practice medicine in Paraguay. As no American missionary doctor has been licensed there recently and there is no medical reciprocity agreement with the United States, Dr. Fowler had difficulty obtaining the license.

A hospital for Paraguay has been authorized by the Board for many years, pending the licensing of a missionary doctor to practice in that country. There is no evangelical hospital in Paraguay and no Baptist hospital in all South America.

Seminary Professor Elected

Dr. Arthur B. Crabtree, London, has accepted a position as teacher in the Zurich Theological Seminary scheduled to open in September, 1949. Commended by British Baptist leaders as a man of outstanding ability, Dr. Crabtree was interviewed by members of the Foreign Mission Board in Europe last summer. He is a graduate of the University of Zurich. Mrs. Crabtree is a daughter of a Swiss Baptist minister.

Colombian Convention Planned

Plans are underway for the February organization meeting of the Colombian Baptist Convention, originally scheduled for April this year. Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary, and Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., regional secretary, who planned to represent the Board officially at the April meeting will go to Colombia for the February meeting.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK HELD AT OLE MISS Team Includes Two Baptists

During the recent Religious Emphasis Week held on the Ole Miss campus December 5-9, Baptists were fortunate in having two of their denominational leaders.

Dr. Blake Smith, pastor of the University Church, Austin, Texas, addressed the student body in a morning Convocation, speaking on the subject "This I Deeply Believe." Later during the week he addressed 60 Baptist students at a supper meeting, speaking on "Friendship with Jesus."

Dr. Clarence Jordan, resident of Americus, Georgia, came to the campus as leader for discussion groups on race relations. He also served as counselor for several dormitory discussion groups.

Lewis Nobles, president of the Ole Miss BSU served as chairman for the committee of 100 which planned and directed the campus-wide R. E. W. program.

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J. C. Anderson Licensed By Overt Church



J. C. ANDERSON

On Sunday morning, December 12, the Overt Church licensed James C. Anderson to preach the gospel.

Mr. Anderson is superintendent of the Overt School, and in the Overt Church he serves as superintendent of the Sunday School. He is making his plans to go to the Seminary.

Joe D. Boutwell, Sr., a student at Mississippi College, serves the church as half-time pastor.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT AND ADMIRATION

Whereas, Rev. D. M. Campbell, who has held the pastorate of the Escatawpa Baptist Church for the past three and one half years, has now resigned the work here and he and his wife will move to Fountain Inn, South Carolina to accept a call to the Fairview Street Baptist Church.

Whereas, during this time they have made a place for themselves in the hearts of the people here and he has proven himself a faithful and able preacher and pastor.

Whereas, during the time he has not only led in the development of the church spiritually, numerically, and increase giving to all causes but also led in the building program of a new Sunday School building and plans for a new auditorium, and since his pastorate has marked probably the most forward looking and progressive period in the history of the church; being evidence by increase attendance and interest in all services and the enlarged activities on the part of the different departments; namely, Sunday School, Training Union, and Women's Missionary Society and by its evangelistic effort and fervor.

Be it resolved that the church in conference regrets very much to lose Brother Campbell and his wife, yet, we submit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit in this matter and commend him wholeheartedly to the Fairview Street Baptist Church as a wise leader and able preacher and a good pastor. We offer our thanks to God for his services during these three and one-half years and pray God's richest blessings upon him in his new work.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the church and copies be mailed to The Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss., and The Baptist Courier, Greenville, South Carolina for publication.

For the Church,

J. E. NELSON

WALLACE A. GRIERSON

MRS. MONA MADDOX

MISS PEGGY BRELAND

—Paid.

—BR—

After 18 years as a pastor Dr. E. A. Audrey is now devoting his full time as an evangelist. He is highly recommended by Dr. R. G. Lee, President of the Southern Baptist Convention. His address is 209 Washington Street, Monroe, Louisiana.

J. E. Moak, Jr., Ordained

J. E. Moak, Jr., who is a student at Mississippi College, was ordained on December 12 at Mt. Pleasant Church, Lincoln County, which is his home church.

Rev. Paul Z. Ball, pastor of Pearlhaven Church, presided in the Presbytery, which was composed of Lincoln County pastors and which met on Saturday evening preceding the ordination.

Rev. R. P. Tomlinson, Montgomery Church, opened the meeting with prayer. The ordination sermon was delivered by the Rev. James Allgood. The charge was given by Rev. H. P. Porter, Heuck's Retreat Church, and Rev. C. W. Hawks, Pleasant Grove Church, gave the charge to the church. Rev. W. L. Thompson presented the Bible.

Mr. Moak is now supplying as pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church. The work is expected to go forward under the leadership of the new pastor and his wife.

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OLE MISS BSU SENDS CHECK TO RELIEF CENTER

The Ole Miss B. S. U. is sending a check for \$60.00 to the Relief Center in New Orleans to be used in the purchase of medicine and dehydrated foods for the needy of Europe.

This was in cooperation with the Statewide BSU Drive for World Relief, under the leadership of Charles W. Horner State BSU Secretary.

Miss Marian Leavell is Student Secretary at Ole Miss.

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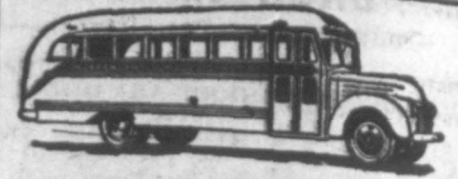
Clinton, Miss. (Dec. 16, 1948) Professor Harold G. Basden is head of the department of Sociology and also Dean of Men at Mississippi College. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, received his Th. M. from Southwestern Seminary, and will receive his Th. D. from Southwestern in 1949.

Professor Basden is in great demand as a lecturer in Clinton, Jackson, and vicinity. He has given lectures at Ridgecrest, East Texas Baptist College, North Carolina B. S. U. Convention, Mississippi B. S. U. Convention, and Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, on the subject of Race Relations.

Dr. Basden has been at M. C. for three years. He is a well liked and well known personage on the campus. Before coming to Mississippi College he had two years of teaching experience in a Memphis High School. He also served as Director of Recreation at Southwestern Seminary. He had held pastorates in Mississippi and Texas.

He holds membership in the Southern Sociological Society and the American Sociological and while he was doing his graduate study he was an assistant in the Social Ethics Department.

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Pilate placed it upon Him — and He prayed for Pilate.

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"Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;

I want Thee forever to dwell in my soul;

Break down every idol, cast out every foe;

Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

Do you see Him — do you know Him — do you love Him — dear friends? He loves you. He died for you — He remembers you — He prays for you!

Our Father, bless our hearts. Help us to know Jesus better, to love Him more, and to love men, women, boys and girls around the world; literally love them to Jesus, in His Name we pray. Amen.

MUSIC: My Jesus I Love Thee.

THEME: Tell Me the Story of Jesus.

ANNOUNCER:

You have just heard the first in a series of programs entitled THAT YE MAY KNOW HIM. The sermon was delivered by Dr. D. A. McCall, and the music was under the direction of Mr. Reid Moore, Music Director, First Baptist Church, Jackson. THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOUR ORIGINATED IN THE BAPTIST BUILDING in Jackson, Mississippi.

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A Reader Writes

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

I have been reading the good articles that you have been publishing in the Record of recent regarding what the churches should be doing for their pastors and I want to take this opportunity to say, "Thank You." I am thinking of the more recent articles where you spoke of the fact that living expenses have gone up and many churches have not come along in line with the pastor's salary and then the fact that you spoke of the need of churches paying the expenses of the pastor's car; these things are urgent for many men trying to serve the Lord, and I for one, want to say, "Thank you for your efforts." Not that I am not being taken care of well here in ———, for I think I am, but there are many of my friends that need these timely words spoken to their people and they cannot speak them themselves.

I want to tell you another word that came from our local Editor. We were talking the other day and he remarked about the Baptist Record. He himself is not a Baptist but his wife is and it comes into his home. He said to me, "You know, pastor, your Baptist Record is one of the best papers of its kind that we have today." He said, "your Editor really knows how to get out a good paper, the things found therein are fresh and new—things our people like to read about."

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J. C. Anderson Licensed By Overt Church



J. C. ANDERSON

On Sunday morning, December 12, the Overt Church licensed James C. Anderson to preach the gospel.

Mr. Anderson is superintendent of the Overt School, and in the Overt Church he serves as superintendent of the Sunday School. He is making his plans to go to the Seminary.

Joe D. Boutwell, Sr., a student at Mississippi College, serves the church as half-time pastor.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT AND ADMIRATION

Whereas, Rev. D. M. Campbell, who has held the pastorate of the Escatawpa Baptist Church for the past three and one half years, has now resigned the work here and he and his wife will move to Fountain Inn, South Carolina to accept a call to the Fairview Street Baptist Church.

Whereas, during this time they have made a place for themselves in the hearts of the people here and he has proven himself a faithful and able preacher and pastor.

Whereas, during the time he has not only led in the development of the church spiritually, numerically, and increase giving to all causes but also led in the building program of a new Sunday School building and plans for a new auditorium, and since his pastorate has marked probably the most forward looking and progressive period in the history of the church; being evidence by increase attendance and interest in all services and the enlarged activities on the part of the different departments; namely, Sunday School, Training Union, and Women's Missionary Society and by its evangelistic effort and fervor.

Be it resolved that the church in conference regrets very much to lose Brother Campbell and his wife, yet, we submit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit in this matter and commend him wholeheartedly to the Fairview Street Baptist Church as a wise leader and able preacher and a good pastor. We offer our thanks to God for his services during these three and one-half years and pray God's richest blessings upon him in his new work.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the church and copies be mailed to The Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss., and The Baptist Courier, Greenville, South Carolina for publication.

For the Church,

J. E. NELSON

WALLACE A. GRIERSON

MRS. MONA MADDOX

MISS PEGGY BRELAND

—Paid.

After 18 years as a pastor Dr. E. A. Audrey is now devoting his full time as an evangelist. He is highly recommended by Dr. R. G. Lee, President of the Southern Baptist Convention. His address is 209 Washington Street, Monroe, Louisiana.

J. E. Moak, Jr., Ordained

J. E. Moak, Jr., who is a student at Mississippi College, was ordained on December 12 at Mt. Pleasant Church, Lincoln County, which is his home church.

Rev. Paul Z. Ball, pastor of Pearlhaven Church, presided in the Presbytery, which was composed of Lincoln County pastors and which met on Saturday evening preceding the ordination.

Rev. R. P. Tomlinson, Montgomery Church, opened the meeting with prayer. The ordination sermon was delivered by the Rev. James Allgood. The charge was given by Rev. H. P. Porter, Heuck's Retreat Church, and Rev. C. W. Hawks, Pleasant Grove Church, gave the charge to the church. Rev. W. L. Thompson presented the Bible.

Mr. Moak is now supplying as pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church. The work is expected to go forward under the leadership of the new pastor and his wife.

BR OLE MISS BSU SENDS CHECK TO RELIEF CENTER

The Ole Miss B. S. U. is sending a check for \$60.00 to the Relief Center in New Orleans to be used in the purchase of medicine and dehydrated foods for the needy of Europe.

This was in cooperation with the Statewide BSU Drive for World Relief, under the leadership of Charles W. Horner State BSU Secretary.

Miss Marian Leavell is Student Secretary at Ole Miss.

Faculty Focus

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Clinton, Miss. (Dec. 16, 1948) Professor Harold G. Basden is head of the department of Sociology and also Dean of Men at Mississippi College. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, received his Th. M. from Southwestern Seminary, and will receive his Th. D. from Southwestern in 1949.

Professor Basden is in great demand as a lecturer in Clinton, Jackson, and vicinity. He has given lectures at Ridgecrest, East Texas Baptist College, North Carolina B. S. U. Convention, Mississippi B. S. U. Convention, and Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, on the subject of Race Relations.

Dr. Basden has been at M. C. for three years. He is a well liked and well known personage on the campus. Before coming to Mississippi College he had two years of teaching experience in a Memphis High School. He also served as Director of Recreation at Southwestern Seminary. He had held pastorates in Mississippi and Texas.

He holds membership in the Southern Sociological Society and the American Sociological and while he was doing his graduate study he was an assistant in the Social Ethics Department.

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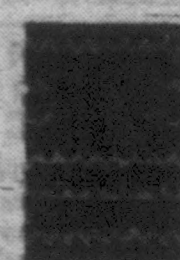
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(Continued from Page Three)

Pilate placed it upon Him — and He prayed for Pilate.

Am I talking to some heart this afternoon under sin — in sin? We are talking about a great Saviour, mighty to save, that ye might know Him! Do you see how lovely He is? Do you see how loving He is? Do you see how princely He is? Do you see how marvelous He is in His attitude, even toward His enemies? He saves from sin! He cleanseth! No, we will never be without that sin until we are washed in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ; then, as white as a lily grown in paradise; then, as harmless as the breath of God; then, as unblemished as the white clouds that form the floating caravans of the skies, for God's Word says it is the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that cleanseth us from all sin!

"Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;

I want Thee forever to dwell in my soul;

Break down every idol, cast out every foe;

Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

Do you see Him — do you know Him — do you love Him — dear friends? He loves you. He died for you — He remembers you — He prays for you!

Our Father, bless our hearts. Help us to know Jesus better, to love Him more, and to love men, women, boys and girls around the world; literally love them to Jesus, in His Name we pray. Amen.

MUSIC: My Jesus I Love Thee.

THEME: Tell Me the Story of Jesus.

ANNOUNCER:

You have just heard the first in a series of programs entitled THAT YE MAY KNOW HIM. The sermon was delivered by Dr. D. A. McCall, and the music was under the direction of Mr. Reid Moore, Music Director, First Baptist Church, Jackson. THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOUR ORIGINATED IN THE BAPTIST BUILDING in Jackson, Mississippi.

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Christmas Greetings...



A. L. GOODRICH
EDITOR



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Henderson Accepts Pastorate At Poplar Springs

Poplar Springs Church, Covich County, has called Rev. W. H. Henderson as pastor. He is a native of Florida and a student at Clarke College.

Mrs. Henderson is the former Bonnie Welch of Gallman. There are two children, a girl, 8, and a boy, 4.

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DANIEL MEMORIAL HAS RECORD S.S. ATTENDANCE

"Christmas for Christ" was the theme of the worship services at the Daniel Memorial Baptist Church on Sunday. Reverend Wayne E. Todd and the other church leaders lead the people in record attendances of 399 in Sunday School and 198 in Training Union. A special offering for the Building Fund amounted to \$6,100.00 in cash and \$4,650.00 in commitments.

The day's events were climaxed by a Christmas cantata "The Christ Child" by sixty five voices in the combined choirs, under the direction of W. S. Haynie, Minister of Music and Mrs. B. H. Kenna, Accompanist.

At the last business meeting of the church it was voted to adopt a missionary couple, Rev. and Mrs. James Fairchilds, and to pay the salary of one of them. The Fairchilds will sail February 1 for South Brazil.



SHOWN ABOVE: Mailing Department workers: Mrs. L. R. Smith, Mailing Department Superintendent, Miss Bernice McInnis, Miss Margaret Cloud, Mrs. Tom Temple, Miss Daunie Jean Smith, Editorial secretary, Mrs. W. Doss Smith, office secretary, Editorial department.

According to the custom of the years there will be no issue of The Baptist Record next week. The next issue will be January 6, 1949.

So far as your workers know, the year 1948 has been the best in the history of The Baptist Record. Truly the Lord has been good through the year. And we who work to plan, edit,

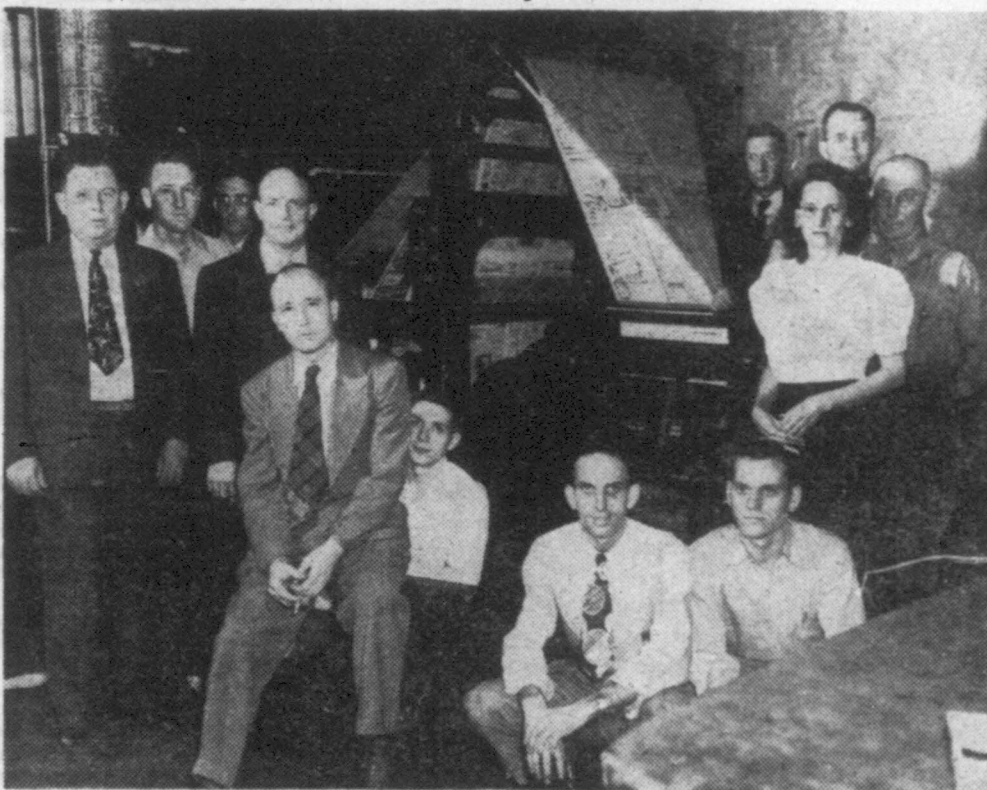
print, address and mail The Baptist Record—all of whom are pictured on this page—express to Him our thanks and praise.

May we express our thanks to the pastors, churches and faithful men and women for your continuing helpfulness and loyalty and service.

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH

May God bless all of you through the coming days. May you be constantly conscious of His presence not only during the Christmas season, but throughout the year.

Members Of Evening Post And Morning Herald Staff That Help To Print The Baptist Record



Reading from left of right: C. T. Young, R. J. Shanks, James Chandler, C. T. Beasley, Francis Lazarus, James Watkins, Harold Fonger, James Knight, P. L. Barclift, Mrs. Margaret Fife, William Porter and G. B. Van Norman grouped around the front end of The Vicksburg Evening Post press, on which The Baptist Record is printed.

South McComb Notes Gains During 1948

New 10-Room Annex Occupied

The week of December 5 a most effective Sunday School Enlargement Campaign was led by Paul Boothe, of the State Sunday School Department, in the South McComb Church.

On December 12 the Sunday School moved into its new annex, a 10-room building adjoining the church auditorium. This \$15,000 project was completely paid for when one of the mem-

bers, Hosea Magee, loaned the church \$4,500, which is payable to him in 2 years.

Other accomplishments since the first of the year include a \$7,145 renovation on the auditorium; an increase from 110 in Sunday School attendance to 264, with an enrollment of 408; 60 additions to the church, 23 of which were on profession of faith, and about 25 losses by death or letter.

Pastor James A. Bryant says the fellowship and vision of the church are of the highest New Testament pattern.



Shown above are Robert Burris and Olysses Tate, Baptist Building janitors, and on Wednesdays they serve as wrappers in the Baptist Record mailing department. Many of the bundles of Baptist Records distributed throughout the state are wrapped by these faithful employees. No more faithful workers are to be found anywhere.

Columbia First Adds 51 During Revival

The First Baptist Church of Columbia has recently been blessed by a gracious revival. The heart-searching and soul-stirring messages were brought by one of the south's greatest preachers and evangelists, Dr. J. D. Grey, who for the past 12 years has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans. This able man labored tirelessly throughout the meeting, Dec. 5-12, on some days speaking as many as five or six times. People of Columbia feel that they have been unusually favored in the coming of this choice man, Dr. Grey. Visible results were 31 professions of faith, 20 joining by letter, and one fine young woman answering God's call to the mission fields.

The music was cared for in a most excellent manner by local talent. Dr. S. E. Lawrence leading the congregational singing, Dr. Russel Bush directing the Booster Band, and Mrs. Katherine McElroy being responsible for the special numbers.

Other vital factors in the success of the meeting were the large number of personal workers and the many who prayed earnestly. At least 16 pairs of personal workers went out to contact the prospects.

We are trusting that our church is ready now to fill a much larger place in our Lord's work. — J. T. HORTON, pastor

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